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Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker, December 31, 1917

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Monday 12/31/17
9 A.M.

Jacksonville Fla

Darling: -

Will write you a
line or so. Have arrived
here and have now been
waiting nearly 3 hrs
for engine to take our
car to camp. I am
sitting in the car at
Depot here. Orders are
not to leave car so I
will spend my time thus.

Have had a long trip.
Have eaten, slept and
rode all in the same car
now for about 40 hrs
I have seen some very rare
scenes yesterday and this
day. Saw nothing as I

passed thru Tennessee
as we traveled thru that
state Sunday morn while
we were asleep. I was
not asleep however but yet
couldn't see in the dark-
ness. Can do something
in the dark but can't look
at scenery. Ha! Ha

Wished I had had u
with me Sunday while
going thru those tunnels
of Ky and Oh! if u
had been with me last
night when I rolled and
tumbled until my bones
were tired and sore on
that rough and jerky
railway than Tennessee
I might have used you
for an extra mattress. Ha
"e". That would have been
nice wouldn't it? For me

at least. ³

I slept with a comrade
from Richmond, Indiana
a splendid fellow.

I understand Camp
Johnson is eight or ten
miles from Depot here
so we still have that
far to travel yet in 1917
that engine had better hurry
or we will finish our trip
in 1918.

How are u this fine New
Years eve? Well it is not
hot in Florida by any
means. a cold snap has
for a few days struck this
state and today the therm
ometer has registered from
20 to 30 above zero. I expect
it has been below zero
in Old S. Sps, has it not?

I am told that a cold snap only lasts a few days in Florida so I am looking ahead to warmer weather here in a day or two?

If this climate strikes me I in after years will have a longing to spend my winters here. I can spend them with me however. "C".

When I get into camp and in assigned quarters I will then give address so you can write me direct. Have been eating those nuts u gave me all the way down here. I had the whole bottom of my traveling bag covered with them.

Has Joe arrived home yet?

most of the boys are sleeping but I never sleep, do I? Always wide awake and in mischief!

An overcoat will feel mighty good here tonite ^{and} we all have the ones we wore at Ft Thomas, but would swap my overcoat for a Ford Ride. Ha! With it!

Take good care of yourself this very cold weather.

Whenever you run out of some where to go, just come to Florida. Ha! Probably the best way u could make this trip would be in an imaginative way. I hope the day may come however when I can show u this beautiful country. Saw

Only about 10 white girls in all the towns we passed thru in Georgia. Rest were negroes. "None white or black in Dixie land interest me. I am interested in U only away back in Indiana. Of course I am interested in other friends back in Indiana but I am talking of true girl friends U C" I never found but one You spells the one. Will mail this wherever and as soon as I can.

Our negro porter just said: "Damn if it ain't as cold here as in Cincinnati." He is foolish for I but it is below zero there.
Oh! I felt a bump and

so I reckon we shall
soon be moving, so
with an everglowing
love for u my Indian
Sweetheart, I must
close.

With truest affection,
Wes

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Miss Opal Baker,
Sulphur Springs
Indiana
Henry Co.

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